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BAMPTON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting my Report on the Health of the District for the year ending 31st December, 1925.

Area (in Acres)—7798·528.

Population (Census 1921)—1467.

Population (estimated 1925)—1489.

The length of the District from East to West is $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Breadth from North to South, $2\frac{1}{4}$ miles.

The whole of the Parish constitutes the District, which, may be considered partly Urban and partly Rural, with an equally divided population.

The Town of Bampton lies in a valley, 350 feet above sea level, on gravel soil, at the junction of two streams, which unite close to the main street, and join the River Exe about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles distant.

Number of Inhabited Houses (1921)—379.

„ „ „ (1925)—389.

„ Families or Separate Occupiers (1921)—434.

„ „ „ „ (1925)—437.

Rateable Value—£9801.

Sum represented by a Penny Rate—£20.

With the exception of the quarrymen employed at the Quarries close to the Town, the people are principally engaged in agricultural pursuits—dairy farming and stock-rearing.

VITAL STATISTICS.

There were 20 deaths, ten males, ten females, of these deaths eight were over 70 years of age.

The Death-rate for the year was 13·4 per thousand.

The Death-rate for England and Wales was 12·2.

INFANT MORTALITY.

There was one death of an infant under one year of age.

This makes a Death-rate of 47·6 per thousand.

The Death-rate for England and Wales was 75.

BIRTHS.

Total 21. 12 males, 9 females.

There were no illegitimate children.

This makes a Birth-rate of 14.1 per thousand.

Birth-rate for England and Wales 18.3.

The amount of Poor-Law Relief was £246 19s. 11½d.

There are no Hospitals in this District provided or subsidised by the County Council. The Devon and Exeter Hospital, the Tiverton Hospital, and the Isolation Hospital, Tiverton, are available for this District. The County Tuberculosis Hospitals and Dispensaries are also available.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

(a) Infectious cases—From Tiverton Isolation Hospital.

(b) Non-Infectious Cases and Accidents—St. John's Ambulance (Tiverton).

Maternity and Child Welfare is worked from Tiverton.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Medical Officer of Health. Part time.

One Sanitary Inspector who is also Surveyor. He is a whole-time Officer, and has supervision of the Water Supply, Sewerage System, New Buildings and Drainage work.

NURSING.

A District Nurse resides in the Town, who is under the control of the Devon County Nursing Association. She attends Maternity cases and cases of general illness. She is partly provided for by the County Council, but by far the greater part of the income and the upkeep of the Nurse's house is obtained by voluntary subscriptions from this Parish and the Parishes of Morebath and Oakford.

Chemical and Bacteriological work to a large extent has been done at the Devon County Laboratory, and the results promptly posted.

LEGISLATION IN FORCE.

New Building Bye-Laws adopted 18th August, 1925, and approved by Ministry of Health.

Parts ii. and iii. of the Public Health Amendment Act, 1890, are adopted.

Parts ii., iii., iv., v., and Section 95 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, are in force in this District.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER.—A new scheme for Water Supply was completed in 1924. There is now an adequate supply of water and at sufficient height to supply all the premises in the town. All the population is supplied from the works. Twelve houses are supplied by means of standpipes, otherwise the water is supplied direct to the houses.

There is little or no pollution of the streams.

Drainage and Sewerage is at present working fairly satisfactorily, but the Council have at present in hand a scheme for further dealing with the Sewerage on the West side of the Town.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.—In about twenty cases one closet has to provide for two or more houses. This is a condition of affairs which should not exist. Each house should have its separate closet. The Hopper and washdown flush closets prevail. Pail and earth closets are in use, but these are gradually being converted into a permanent flush system.

Scavenging is done satisfactorily. House refuse is removed by carts twice a week from the town. Street cleaning is also done twice a week and the sweepings carted away to agricultural land.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.—40 houses were inspected. No official notices were served during the year.

SCHOOLS.—A further arrangement is being made for the disposal of the pail closets in Shillingford School. The present system is not satisfactory, otherwise the sanitary condition and water supply of the Schools are good.

HOUSING.

There is a demand for further Houses.

Six new houses are being built by the Urban Council and two houses privately.

There is no overcrowding.

The general standard of Housing in the area is good.

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1925.

Number of New Houses erected during the year None.

i. Unfit Dwelling Houses :—

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| (1) Number of Dwelling Houses inspected | ... | 40 |
| (2) Number inspected and recorded | ... | None. |
| (3) Number found to be dangerous or injurious to the health as to be unfit for human habitation | None. | |
| (4) Number found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation | ... | 2 |

- ii. Remedy of Defects without service of Formal Notice ... 2
- iii. (a) No action was taken under Statutory Powers.
- (b) No proceedings under Public Health Act.
- (c) No proceedings under Sections 11, 14 and 15 of Housing Act, 1925.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

- (a) MILK SUPPLY. There are 11 Registered Dairies. The supply is good and sufficient.
- (b) The Sanitary Inspector is the Meat Inspector.

Private Slaughter Houses in the area :—

Registered }	1920	January, 1925	December, 1925
Licensed }	3	... 4	... 5

There are three Bakehouses. None underground. All are kept in good order.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Since 1920, Scarlet Fever has been the only Notifiable Infectious Disease prevalent in this District. There were no cases of Scarlet Fever during the past year. Only one case of Erysipelas was notified.

SMALL-POX PREVENTION REGULATIONS, 1925.

Primary Vaccination	21
Re-Vaccination	Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS.

Two cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis (males) were notified during the year, aged 27 and 43 years.

There were two deaths (males) aged 27 and 43 years.

No cases of Puerperal Fever or Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified.

The Sanitary Inspector has always done his work well.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

THOS. A. FISHER,

Medical Officer of Health.